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Sir:

AMENDMENT WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed on August 14, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as set out below. This Amendment is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination ("RCE") and includes a petition for a two-month Extension of Time to respond to the outstanding Office Action. The RCE and Extension of Time fees are also being submitted concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begin on page 2 of this paper (pages 2-26).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 27 of this paper (pages 27-31).